Part of letter

And my fancy was a good deal tickled at reading [illegible] his portscript, to see how coolly he lays claim to a New England Library out of [illegible] scanty funds. Now I have no notion of allowing any such thing to be thought of. I need not say that I did not in the remotest way suggest any such application to you for indeed I never told him I wished for those books at all. Let him lend them to me himself, when he returns home – if he is discovered to be munificent. Whereas any good portrait of any of the Puritan Clique he is so begging for an owner – lend it to me – I would rather have such a thing than all those twenty old Puritan books put together. In fact I declare he merit or even thanks for what I try to do, for I [illegible] myself as much I have them any body else – I merely ride my [illegible] hobby. As to the rest of H.C.W's description about O'Connell in prison &c &c, I dont think it will be easy to find one who gives such a very unfavorable impression by his high flying style as he does – he rides his hobby to death. I dont think he ever wrote a line of the first part from Richmond Penitentiary – he would not be let there would he get the pen & ink? It is a little after the description of the [illegible] style of writing I make out to have been the [illegible] see on the lies at the bottom. Dan is not in any esteem a morally great man – he is not comfortable to many that you have much reason to. I had rather be any one of you than O'Connell – if you be called I take you to be. Can you tell me any thing of Thomas Davis. Some of Rogers late poetry wants the sparkling brilliancy of other days. Do tell me about him. Beside. If Putnam still takes them I send you a dozen O'Connell portraits to be sold for the benefit U.S. sent at once – or, if the same portrait dont arrive in Boston before hand, at the first. The Lilliput prices are 2/6. You also ask I suppose what we can get. It is by far the best

Libraries of our first C. I was much like a hand about the books for the Fair.

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